

**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORWOOD PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
7447 W. LAWRENCE AVE.
HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706**

The Board of Trustees of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District, Cook County, Illinois convened at the regular meeting place of said Board on the 9th day of January 2023 at 6:30 P.M. at 7447 W. Lawrence Ave., Harwood Heights, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order and upon roll call the following named members answered present:

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes,
Trustee Mezzano; yes, Chief Blondell; yes.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

Swearing in of Firefighter Roberto Hernandez.

Went into recess at 6:34pm

Returned from recess at 6:52pm

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes,
Trustee Mezzano; yes, Chief Blondell; yes.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE (Public Participation)

A motion was made by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Skyba to suspend the rules to permit visitors to be recognized. The Board retains the right to refuse to recognize any individual if they feel their comments are not relevant or to "put them off" if they exceed their time allotment. After all, have had an opportunity to address the Board, the President moves the rules be reinstated, and the Board will proceed with meeting.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the following minutes:

- 1- Approve the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes held on December 12, 2022.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; present, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes,
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Chiefs' Report:

Chief stated he hopes all is well and that all Trustees have received a written report.

Happy New Year!

The Trustees' pictures are now hanging in the meeting room.

2022 was an extraordinary year in regard to call volume and the passing of the referendum.

We responded to 4,526 emergencies which was a massive increase from the prior year. We will have to wait and see what 2023 will bring.

The referendum passed and the Chief would like to thank the board and firefighters who helped to make that happen.

Engine 101 is in the shop, we hope to have it back in a week. They say that the life of the vehicle "looks good".

I will meet with the Finance Committee in April to discuss the retiring paramedics and what we will need to do to replace them. We will have to look into dates of Fire Academies and Paramedic Schools.

We have changed the senior quarters to the female quarters. We have to robust list of female paramedics.

Motion by Trustee Santoro seconded by Trustee Rybak to approve the Chief's report for December 2022.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

President's Report: Trustee Cichon stated he agrees with everything Chief Blondell said and is looking forward to 2023.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
December 31, 2022

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	482,868.71
Wintrust -MM #2776	1,073,752.52
Wintrust- Checking #9771	2,526.31
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	755,113.30
Wintrust- Medical #0599	22,335.61
Wintrust- Donation #4129	934.41
Wintrust- FSA #0713	7,856.31
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$2,345,387.17</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Belmont Bank (0.60%, 02/10/23)	704,138.03
Belmont Bank (0.40% 07/21/23)	587,776.34
Belmont Bank (0.50% 01/19/23)	408,853.41
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$ 1,700,767.78</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$ 4,046,154.95</u>

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the December’s accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$482,306.44 and the Treasurer’s Report as presented from the Financial Statements for December 2022.

Trustee Evans stated that the property taxes are coming in, ambulance billing has increased.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes,
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Trustee Evans stated there is a CD maturing in January and one in February. We will shop rates.

Building and Equipment Committee-Trustee Mezzano stated there was nothing to report.

Policy & Strategic Planning Committee- Trustee Kolaski stated that there is mandatory harassment training that is due. There is annual trustee training January 27th and 28th. Please let Cyndi know if you need to be signed up.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated that they will have a meeting in the spring. Open House and the Flu Shot program were a great success in 2022. Red shirts are still available for purchase.

Pension Fund Member & Commissioner Oversight- Trustee Skyba stated there is nothing to report. Trustee Evans stated there is a meeting in February.

Old Business:

None.

New Business

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to accept the audit for the 2022 fiscal year as presented by Sikich, LLP.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the payout of mandatory sick time buyback to the following:

Larry Curran 144 hours \$6,237.36

Daniel Davila 84 hours \$3,827.04

Matthew Mattio 120 hours \$4,932.96

Jeffrey Peistrup 48 hours \$3,115.68

Ronald Schneider 12 hours \$531.60

Stephen Swank 144 hours \$5,680.08

Total mandatory sick time buyback \$24,324.72

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Mezzano and seconded by Trustee Rybak to accept Chief Blondell's letter of recommendation for Firefighter Leigh Unger.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Evans to adopt and approve Ordinance #23-1, an Ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental agreement for participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS Master Agreement 2022).

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Santoro to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

Joanne Rybak
Secretary

Andrew Cichon
President